

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph [0027] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0027] The upper step component 12 is complementary to the lower mounting component 18 in that it is received ~~on top of~~ over the lower mounting component 18, and in the preferred embodiment has attaching tabs not visible, for being received within attachment slots 30 of the lower component. The upper step component 12 can be varied according to each individual application based on overall style choice and material composition, but generally comprises a flat, upper surface 16 with an anti-slip means either in the form of adhesive grit strips, texturing, or grooves within the upper surface thereof, forming the step surface. In continuation with the upper surface 16 the sides 13, 14 wrap around and may overlap the sides 29 and ends 24, 27 of the lower mounting component 18, forming a horizontal cover when installed. The upper step component 12 may be of the same material as the lower mounting component, but generally is molded from a high-impact resistant composition which can be finished in a plurality of ways depending on the individual application.